

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 692  
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert L. Vick, Jr. on his outstanding work and exemplary performance as the state intern for the Senate Education Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, through the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Vick, Jr. has distinguished himself as one such individual through his hard work as a legislative intern for the esteemed Senate Education Committee and his tireless efforts have resulted in untold benefits to Chairman, Senator Andy Womack and the committee staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vick is a native Tennessean who hails from beautiful Shelby County where he is the son of proud parents Mr. Robert L. Vick, Sr. and Mrs. Janice Payne; he has been supported in his many endeavors by his loving family, Vicky and Alex Alexander, DeJuan Vick and Danielle Vick; and

WHEREAS, Robert will graduate with honors in May from Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration and Planning; and

WHEREAS, he has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has become well-versed in the state of education in Tennessee, the House Education Committee, the importance of long-term financial planning – "Mutual funds!", as well as the

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distribution and compilation of summary packets and the importance of multiple copies of legislation; and

WHEREAS, he has also enjoyed the great things that come from being a state intern with the Senate Education Committee, such as staff meetings with Team Womack, including his fellow office intern, her Royal Ketchersidness, Miss Debbie the First, fresh donuts on Wednesday, and the multitude of great dining facilities available in downtown Nashville and the surrounding vicinity as well as enjoying the camaraderie of fellow interns and staff of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he has also had the opportunity to make the acquaintance of numerous outstanding Tennesseans, including Dr. Jane Walters, Mr. Bill Hollings, Ms. Pam 'Tutor' Mason, Mr. Wayne Qualls, Sgt.-At-Arms Joe Webb, Ms. Rebecca "Becka – Boo" Kimbrell, Mrs. Laura Harris, former Senator Anna Belle O'Brien, Chief of Staff Pat Miller, Senator Thelma Harper, Senator Roscoe Dixon and Lieutenant Governor John Wilder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vick has also been afforded those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that only an intern with the Tennessee General Assembly can enjoy, including a picnic luncheon and private tour of the Governor's Mansion, an excursion to the Tennessee State Prison and the privilege of meeting the greatest women's basketball team of all time, the undefeated 39-0 NCAA Champion University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, in a mere matter of weeks, Robert will never again serve as an intern, view legislative battles from the staff chairs in the Senate Hearing Room, spend quality time in the Senate copy room, distribute calendars and summary packets to the masses, visit web sites tracking Alkermes, Tell, Intel, or Cavalry Bank stock on the Internet or accumulate mileage traveling the hallways of Legislative Plaza; and

WHEREAS, his outstanding work and tremendous dedication will stand him in good stead as he begins the pursuit of his dream to become the Chief Executive Officer of a major, and very influential, health care corporation; and

WHEREAS, he has conducted himself in a meritorious manner and has learned through his internship the difference between a textbook about government full of words and the texts of words from which our real government is formed; and

WHEREAS, the only thing besides a congratulatory resolution that could make his internship more complete would be a daily serving of corn pudding, mashed potatoes, homemade biscuits and fried chicken from Monells, his own personal copy machine, an all-expense-paid trip to the Final Four for winning the Sweet Sixteen Double Blind Draw, or a lifetime supply of Red Hot Fire Balls, none of which items were included in any of the numerous budget amendments he filed with the Senate Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert L. Vick, Jr. has performed his duties and many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum, which in the words of Speaker Wilder translates into "He was good"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Robert L. Vick, Jr. on his outstanding service as the state intern for the esteemed Senate Education Committee, Senator Andy Womack, Chairman and committee staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash and express our deepest appreciation and thanks to him. We wish Robert every good thing in life and success in all his future efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That four appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.